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Submitted by the Chairman of the Main Committee,
Ms. H. Hernes (Norway)

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4. Consensus was also reached on subsequent proposals submitted to the Conference on items 12 (four separate draft resolutions), 17, 17 (a) and 17 (e), which are reflected in document GC.8/L.1/Add.1. In addition, the Main Committee made a recommendation to the plenary on item 20 (date and place of the ninth session).

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(Text to have been inserted between existing paragraphs 7 and 8)

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